

## **Amendments to the Claims**

The following listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

### **Listing of Claims**

- 1           1. (Currently Amended) A method comprising  
2           receiving a packet comprising one or more sample blocks of a stream,  
3    [[and]]  
4           discarding any partial sample block of the packet that remains after  
5    detecting an end of the packet,  
6           receiving an expected packet length indicative of a number of complete  
7    sample blocks for the packet,  
8           receiving an actual packet length indicative of a number of complete  
9    sample blocks for the packet, and  
10          accepting the number of complete sample blocks indicated by the actual  
11    packet length despite the expected packet length indicating fewer complete  
12    sample blocks than the actual packet length.
  
- 13          2. (Original) The method of claim 1 further comprising  
14          receiving an actual packet length for the packet, and  
15          detecting the end of the packet based upon the actual packet length.

16           3. (Original) The method of claim 1 further comprising detecting the end of  
17 the packet in response to receiving a sync signal of the stream.

18           4. (Original) The method of claim 1 further comprising detecting the end of  
19 the packet in response to detecting another packet of the stream.

20           5. (Cancelled)

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22           6. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1 further comprising  
23 receiving an expected packet length indicative of a number of complete  
24 sample blocks for the packet,  
25 receiving an actual packet length indicative of a number of complete  
26 sample blocks for the packet, and  
27 accepting only the number of complete sample blocks of the packet  
28 indicated by the actual packet length despite the expected packet length  
29 indicating more complete sample blocks than the actual packet length.

30           7. (Original) The method of claim 1 further comprising transferring only  
31 complete sample blocks of the packet to a buffer of a memory.

32           8. (Original) The method of claim 1 further comprising classifying any  
33 sample block having less than a defined number of bytes as a partial sample  
34 block.

35           9-26 Cancelled

36           27. (Currently Amended) An article comprising a machine-readable  
37 medium that contains instructions, which when executed by a processing  
38 platform, cause said processing platform to perform operations comprising:  
39           receiving a packet comprising one or more sample blocks of a stream, and  
40           discarding any partial sample block of the packet that remains after  
41 detecting an end of the packet,  
42           receiving an expected packet length indicative of a number of complete  
43 sample blocks for the packet,  
44           receiving an actual packet length indicative of a number of complete  
45 sample blocks for the packet, and  
46           accepting the number of complete sample blocks indicated by the actual  
47 packet length despite the expected packet length indicating fewer complete  
48 sample blocks than the actual packet length.

50           28. (Previously Presented) The article of claim 27, wherein said operations  
51 further comprise:  
52           receiving an actual packet length for the packet, and  
53           detecting the end of the packet based upon the actual packet length.

54           29. (Previously Presented) The article of claim 27, wherein said operations  
55 further comprise detecting the end of the packet in response to receiving a sync  
56 signal of the stream.

57           30. (Previously Presented) The article of claim 27, wherein said operations  
58 further comprise detecting the end of the packet in response to detecting another  
59 packet of the stream.

60           31. (Cancelled)

61           32. (Previously Presented) The article of claim 27, wherein said operations  
62 further comprise:

63           receiving an expected packet length indicative a number of complete  
64 sample blocks for the packet,

65           receiving an actual packet length indicative of a number of complete  
66 sample blocks for the packet, and

67           accepting only the number of complete sample blocks of the packet  
68 indicated by the actual packet length despite the expected packet length  
69 indicating more complete sample blocks than the actual packet length.

70           33. (Previously Presented) The article of claim 27, wherein said operations  
71 further comprise transferring only complete sample blocks of the packet to a  
72 buffer of a memory.

1           34. (Previously Presented) The article of claim 27, wherein said operations  
2 further comprise classifying any sample block having less than a defined number of  
3 bytes as a partial sample block.